

ARGUMENTS

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show all of the claimed features. Claims 15-19 have been canceled and the drawings now show all of the claimed subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as the specification not describing how the verifying takes into account a maximum loading capacity. The Applicants respectfully submit that this feature is described in the specification in paragraphs (0011, 0012, and 0012)

The Examiner rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because it is unclear what the definite error state is and what taking into account the maximum loading capacity is. The Applicants respectfully submit that the definite error state is a state when there is an error and taking into account the maximum loading capacity means that the maximum loading capacity of a load is used when performing the method.

The Examiner rejected all of the claims as being nonobvious over Klaussner (U.S. Patent No. 4,354,147) in view of Kazlauskas (EP 0920119). The Applicants respectfully submit that claims are allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 11 is drawn to a method for braking an electromotor which can be driven by a direct current including taking into account a maximum loading capacity of one or more electronic control units connected to the electromotor. The Applicants respectfully submit that both Klaussner and Kazlauskas, alone and in combination, fail to disclose all of the claimed method.

Klaussner discloses a drive and control mechanism for a mechanical eccentric press. The device includes a braking unit for short-circuiting the armature of the motor through a resistance in order to brake the motor and the press. However, Klaussner fails

to disclose or suggest a method for braking an electromotor which can be driven by a direct current including taking into account a maximum loading capacity of one or more electronic control units connected to the electromotor.

Kazlauskas discloses a dynamic braking system for a motor where dynamic braking is achieved by rendering all transistors connected to one of the supply sources conductive at the same time. Therefore, Kazluaskas fails to teach or suggest a method for braking an electromotor which can be driven by a direct current including taking into account a maximum loading capacity of one or more electronic control units connected to the electromotor.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is allowable over the prior art. Furthermore, claims 12-14 depend from claim 11 and should be allowable as being dependent upon an allowable claim and for the further limitations provided therein.

STATEMENT

The Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now allowable and request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner feels that contact the Applicants would further the prosecution of the application then the Applicants can be contacted.

The undersigned, an agent registered to practice before the Office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification. It does not contain new subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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